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Somewhere in France

Dear Mother & Folks.

How is everyone back home? I am feeling fine and putting on the weight each day, hit that scale at about 151. My ears are O.K. now & my eye is as good as ever. My left leg as good as new & can run faster than ever. this left thumb of mine isn't as good as it use to be, it has a chunk of the bone chipped off but is getting better as the days go by.

Received a Christmas card from the kids. Please tell them thanks a million. Surprised to hear that Ralph Crandell has been discharged. Can't feel sorry for him, wouldn't mind getting home my self, but this war should be over one of these months. My packages haven't arrived as yet, about 75,000 packages were lost by enemy action. Don't mind if mine had been in that bunch as long as the boys up there are getting there's. Those twins are getting pretty smart, guess they won't know me when I get home. Boy it sure is muddy over here, no matter where we are you see mud. Old George Patton sure is a fine General & his number 1 division is that bloody 5th. Sure am happy that Eddie Dailey is believed to be safe, he is a swell kid & sure do hope is safe. Hope F.H.S. has a swell season the year, bet little Jimmy McDonald is one of the big guns this year. Glad Lois is pretty good at keeping her Christmas Packages a secret. Never will I forget the year me & John rang the door bell & mother found a Christmas present for her outside on the steps & she was afraid to open it. She thought it was a bear because Dad told her it was & it turned out to be a table. Must hit the hay for this evening

Love to all

"Dick"